

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1998 - SB 2192

March 13, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from \$5.00 to \$6.00, the amount a sheriff may charge a retired law enforcement officer to take the officer's fingerprints to be submitted to the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission as part of the process to determine the officer's eligibility to carry a firearm under federal law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-8-116(c)(3)(A), a sheriff is currently authorized to charge a fee of \$6.00 for the service of taking a retired law enforcement officer's fingerprints for the purpose of a criminal history background check.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-8-123(b)(2), a sheriff is currently authorized to only charge a fee of \$5.00 for the service of taking a retired law enforcement officer's fingerprints for the purpose of a criminal history background check.
- In that respect, the two statutes are competing.
- The proposed legislation increases the fee authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-8-123(b)(2), to \$6.00. It is assumed this would reconcile the law in accordance with current practice.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Post Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), the number of sets of fingerprints submitted for these purposes that originated from a sheriff's office are minimal. Nearly all fingerprints submitted are taken by a private third-party vendor.
- Therefore, the proposed \$1.00 increase is not estimated to result in a significant increase in revenue to local sheriff's departments.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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